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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MINIMUM PRICE SYSTEM FOR PROCESSED FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1137

1. ON MARCH 8, WE CALLED ON FALKENBERG (EC COMMISSION' S
DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE) TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN
ABOUT
THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE COMMISSION MAY WISH TO REACTIVATE ITS
LONG- STANDING PROPOSAL FOR MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES FOR PROCESSED
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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (SEE REFTEL).

2. WE POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE PRODUCTS TO BE SUBJECTED TO THE SYSTEM OF MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES ARE BOUND IN GATT. WE EMPHASIZED THAT OUR OVERALL CONCERN IS INTENSIFIED BY THE FACT THAT SUCH SENSITIVE PRODUCTS AS CITRUS JUICES AND DRIED PRUNES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE SYSTEM OF MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES AS THE MATTER IS PRESENTLY FORESEEN.

3. FALKENBERG SHOWED CONSIDERABLE UNDERSTANDING FOR OUR CONCERN. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE, COMMUNITY ACTION ON THESE PRODUCTS COULD ONLY EXACERBATE PROBLEMS IN US- EC TRADE RELATIONS, A JUDGEMENT WE NATURALLY CONFIRMED. FALKENBERG PROMISED TO REPORT OUR CONCERN TO HIS SUPERIORS.

4. THE COUNCIL WILL MOST PROBABLY NOT DEAL WITH THIS MATTER BEFORE MAY.

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